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1. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA APRIL 10 PUBLISHED PAGE 1 FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER BREZHNEV-DENT MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

DENT RECEIVED BY BREZHNEV, OPENS EXHIBIT: U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FREDRICK B. DENT MET IN THE KREMLIN WITH GENERAL-SECRETARY L. I. BREZHNEV FROM 1800 TO ABOUT 1900 HOURS TUESDAY. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE FROM THAT MEETING:

ON APRIL 9, GENERAL-SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CPSU, L. I. BREZHNEV, RECEIVED U. S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE F. DENT IN THE KREMLIN. MR. DENT IS IN MOSCOW IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION "STANKI 74."

THERE TOOK PLACE AN EXCHANGE OF OPINION ON QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES. L. I. BREZHNEV EMPHASIZED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL

TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF FULL EQUALITY

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AND MUTUAL BENEFIT WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION OF ANY SORT IS

AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET/
AMERICAN RELATIONS

SECRETARY DENT AGREED WITH THIS THOUGHT AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES WAS OF BENEFIT NOT ONLY TO TRADE BUT WOULD ALSO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL WELL-BEING OF THE WORKING PEOPLE IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

THE CONVERSATION HAD A BUSINESSLIKE, CONSTRUCTIVE CHARACTER. TAKING PART IN THE CONVERSATION WITH FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER M. R. KUZMIN, ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, CPSU, A. M. ALEKSANDROV, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN THE USSR, W. STOESSEL, UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OF THE U. S. J. BENNETT, AND THE DIRECTOR OF AN ADMINISTRATION OF THE U. S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, L. BOWDEN.

2. USIA VOA BULLETIN CARRIED FOLLOWING TEXT APRIL 10:
US SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FREDRICK B. DENT MET IN MOSCOW
EARLY THIS EVENING WITH GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE, CPSU, L. I. BREZHNEV. MEETING IN THE KREMLIN FROM
1800 MOSCOW TIME UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1900, THEY ENGAGED IN
CONVERSATION THAT WAS DESCRIBED IN THE COMMUNIQUE AS
"BUSINESSLIKE, CONSTRUCTIVE" IN CHARACTER AND WHICH INVOLVED
"AN EXCHANGE OF OPINION ON QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE ECONOMIC
AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
UNITED STATES."

SECRETARY DENT IS IN MOSCOW IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF "STANKI 74," AND HIS MEETING WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV FOLLOWED DIRECTLY ON THE HEELS OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES (AT 1600 HOURS) FOR THIS EXTENSIVE AMERICAN MACHINE TOOL EXHIBITION.

ORGANIZED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, "STANKI" IS THE LARGEST SUCH EXHIBITION EVER HELD, WITH OVER 80 FIRMS PARTICIPATING AND COVERING OVER 5,000 SQUARE METERS OF FLOOR SPACE.

SPEAKING BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF OVER 200 SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES IN SOKOLNIKI PARK'S SPACIOUS PAVILION NUMBER 4, SECRETARY DENT COMMENTED IN HIS OFFICIAL OPENING REMARKS THAT, AS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, IT GIVES HIM " GREAT PLEASUE TO REALIZE THAT IT IS COMMERCE THAT HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER THE STARS AND STRIPES UNCLASSIFIED

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AND THE SOVIET FLAG IN SOKOLNIKI PARK TODAY." HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS OVER SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT ON THE FLOOR OF THE EXHIBIT HALL, SAYING " AND I ASSURE YOU THAT ALL OF IT IS EASY TO ACQUIRE." HE CONTINUED, "I URGE YOU TO SEND OUR EXHIBITORS HOME EMPTY-HANDED AS FAR AS EQUIPMENT IS CONCERNED."

SECRETARY DENT WAS PRECEDED TO THE MICROPHONES BY BORIS
ANDRIANOVICH BORISOV, PRESIDENT OF THE USSR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AND INDUSTRY, AND MIKHAIL ROMANOVICH KUZMIN, FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE. FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WALTER J. STOESSEL JR SPOKE BRIEFLY, AFTER WHICH THE SECRETARY CUT THE CEREMONIAL RIBBON AND OFFICIALLY OPENED THE EXHIBITION.

SECRETARY DENT IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MOSCOW TOMORROW FOR SOFIA AND BUCHAREST, RETURN TO WASHINGTON APRIL 18.
"STANKI 74" WILL REMAIN OPEN TO VISITORS THROUGH APRIL 19.

3. PRAVDA APRIL 11 REPORTED PAGE 4 SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE: "ON APRIL 10 U. S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE F. DENT LEFT MOSCOW TOGETHER WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE DEPART-MENT OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING HIM TO THE SOVIET UNION IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXHIBITION, 'STANKI-USA-74.. ON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE SOVIET CAPITAL, F. DENT STATED TO A TASS CORRESPONDENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA IS STRIVING TO DEVELOP AMERICAN-SOVIET TRADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE AMERICAN MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT THE CON-VERSATION WHICH HE HAD THE PREVIOUS EVENING WITH THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE USSR, L. I. BREZHNEV, WAS OF A HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE CHARACTER AND WILL HAVE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR FUTURE FRUITFUL DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY-ADVANTAGEOUS BUSINESS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USA AND THE USSR. F. DENT NOTED THE WARM, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH THE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE." STOESSEL

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